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Committee Clerk Mary Lou Terrien,

My name is Sandra Wehling and I live in Battle Creek, Michigan. It has come to my attention that the House Committee on Local Government will be hearing testimony on HCR 28 in the coming weeks.

It is so important to me to live in a diverse community. I value the economic, social, and cultural contributions of refugees to my community. I am urging state and local officials to support refugee resettlement. I am familiar with the robust security screening process for refugees and am concerned about this attempt to create unfounded fear of a vulnerable group of people. It is my understanding that "the security screening process has been well documented and proven to be highly effective in the course of the admission of 3 million refugees to the U.S. since 1975" (Michigan Immigrant Right Center). These are people who have been through unspeakable horrors in their daily lives and I feel that the United States and the state of Michigan have a moral imperative to resettle these folks. It is part of who we are here in the US that we welcome, with open arms, those who are fleeing war and tyranny and are unable to live a peaceful and stable life in their country of origin. They only desire to start a new life for themselves and their children in a free country.

Thank you

Sandra Wehling